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SUBJECT: Questions that [] 25X1A Might Wish to
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1. What are the pre-conditions for Revolution within the Soviet?

A paraphrase of some of the combined writings of Lenin and Trotsky would lead to the suggestion that the following must be included among the pre-conditions for Revolution:

- a. General conditions shall have become intolerable.
- b. The regime shall be about to lose control.
- c. There shall be an apparatus ready to take over.
- d. The military shall support the Revolution.

2. How do we measure the rate of change within the Soviet of those factors which, in the aggregate, are thought to comprise these or other pre-conditions for Revolution?

3. We should like an evaluation of the Soviet and Satellite Governments-in-exile.

For example, we have just stumbled on a reference to a government-in-exile for Turkestan, including the statement that its Secretary General is Yusuf Alpekin.

4. We should like an evaluation of the Soviet and Satellite Undergrounds.

For example, we keep coming across references to the existence of one or more armed undergrounds in the Ukraine, in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland. How strong are they? How many Soviet divisions are they tying down? What are their goals?

5. What is known about the care and feeding of an underground apparatus?

What are the maximum potential rates of growth? What are present strenghts? What are contemplated rates of growth? When an underground is badly chopped up by the Secret Police, what is the effect on its rate of regrowth? What are the drives and compulsions that cause these indigenous peoples to risk their necks?

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6. We should like an evaluation of Tito.

If his break with Stalin is not a grand deception, why has he not been assassinated?

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